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Bicentennial brigade on its way

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and area will experience history in the making this weekend, as the 2008 David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade visits our community.

Sixteen 24-foot voyageur canoes, powered by approximately 160 hardy paddlers, started their 54-day commemorative voyage in Rocky Mountain House on Saturday, and will have been welcomed by crowds at Drayton Valley, St. John's School near Genesee, Devon, Fort Saskatchewan and Fort Victoria by the time they arrive here late Saturday afternoon.

The Brigade is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the explorer's historic trip to Fort William to report that he had found a navigable way through Howse Pass, and that trade had subsequently been established on the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

The David Thompson committee held their final planning meeting last Thursday, and put the final touches on their plans for the weekend's events.

By the time the black powder cannon signals that the Brigade's canoes are in sight, a stage and bleachers will be in place at the river-side campground south of Elk Point and busloads of spectators will be ready to meet the modern-day voyageurs. After brief speeches and a welcoming song by school children, the voyageurs and their canoes will be transported to Elk Point, where some of the paddlers will portage their canoes up Main Street on their way to the A. G. Ross Arena.

Committee chair Bernice Capjack said that although tickets were still available at that time, she was anticipating a capacity crowd for the supper, entertainment and jamboree, with fireworks scheduled for 10:30 p.m. Entertainment provided by the voyageurs, along with a Red River Jig by Corbin Poiras, songs by Elk Point Community Choir and dances by the Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club and the Dance Education students are on the evening program, as well as presentation of prizes to the poster contest winners.

Scheduling problems have been worked out, and the voyageurs will now have the opportunity to meet the public at Sunday morning's pancake breakfast before they head for the river to paddle to Heinsburg.

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Vicki Brooker photo

Spring Cleaners

Elk Point Pathfinders, Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks got in on the spring cleanup action last Thursday as they tidied up the roadsides leading to the riverside campground, just in time for the arrival of the David Thompson Brigade, whose welcome ceremonies will be held there on Saturday.

Added attractions planned for downtown on Auto Club's show-and-shine day

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's downtown area could be a very busy place on May 31, predicts chamber of commerce president Sandy Smith.

With the Elk Point Auto Club's annual Show and Shine once again to be located at the Iron Horse Trail staging area, Smith says, "we need something to bring people up town."

She's proposing a lineup of activities that includes a "baby cruiser" crawling race for the community's youngest residents, a

baby buggy race for the moms, a display of artists in action, live entertainment, and activities for children, as well as prize draws. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Smith hopes the businesses will get involved with sidewalk sales or other specials to take advantage of the extra traffic in town that day.

The chamber's annual community garage sale is also slated for May 31, as is the Riverland Adventure Challenge, which begins and ends at Fort George and Buckingham House and includes the North

Saskatchewan River and the Iron Horse Trail in its route.

Workers needed

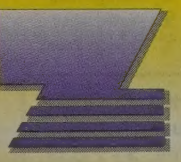
Local businessman Adolph Porcina shared his concerns regarding the lack of available workers with Mayor Parrish Tung, representatives of town council and Elk Point Healthcare Centre recently, and said plans are in the works to go to the Minister of Health and other government officials to ask if European workers can be brought in.

"We have to show them what we need," Porcina said, and suggested that the cham-

ber contact the businesses to ask what they need in terms of employees. "We need facts and figures, numbers and what skills are needed."

He added that the community "is looking for people to become permanent residents here."

Town Manager Myron Goyan said that when the updated town website is complete, "there will be an employment and career section for the business license holders," an idea he brought back from a recent Local Government Administrators' meeting.



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Culprits sought in copper wire thefts, vandalism

By Cst. J. M. McFarlane
Elk Point RCMP

In recent months, the Elk Point RCMP have been investigating numerous copper wire thefts. The copper wire is cut and then removed from the oilfield lease sights. The thefts are usually taking place at the lease sites, but are not limit-

ed to these areas. The suspect(s) are more than likely using a larger vehicle or possibly a truck to assist them with these thefts. The thefts usually occur in late evening or early morning hours.

Heinsburg vandalism
Some time around April 11, 2008, in the hamlet of

Heinsburg, the antique railroad caboose was vandalized. The windows on the caboose were all smashed, as well, the walls were spray painted. The caboose has a rich history, and the event has deeply traumatized the residents of Heinsburg.

Elk Point RCMP are requesting anyone with information about the above crimes contact the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of these persons responsible for this or any other crime. Your identity will not be known or revealed.

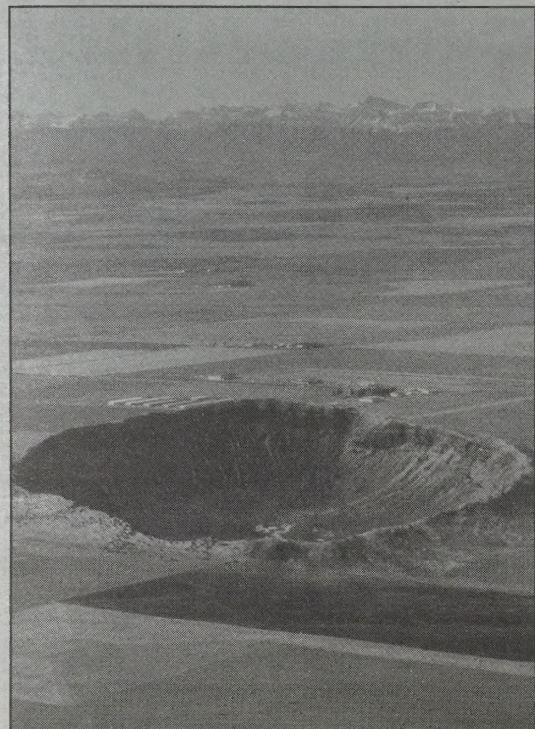
Grad class seeks support

By NICOLE LABRIE
FGM Class of 2008

As graduation draws closer and our fundraising time for the event grows short, we would like to remind everyone that the F. G. Miller High School Graduating Class has a number at the Elk Point Co-op. That number is 85000.

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Provincial Legion winner

Shelby Berg, a Grade 4 student from Elk Point Elementary won the Royal Canadian Legion poetry contest at the St. Paul local level, this past December. Her poem has continued on and she is pictured here receiving her award for winning at the Legion Provincial level from Legion member Mae Hendrickson.

Have a safe
and happy May
long weekend -
Please don't
drink and drive

Brigade on way

(Continued from Front Page)

The voyageurs will also visit Fort George and Buckingham House, where they will tour the sites of the forts visited by David Thompson in 1793-94 and 1799-1800 and have the opportunity to compete against the public in fur trade style events at the Great Fur Factor Challenge, where the winning team will win a year's wages, as would have been paid in 1792.

The Brigade resumes their trip to Fort William early Monday, and will not arrive at that destination until July 12, after paddling and portaging a total of 3248 km across four provinces and three river drainage systems as they write a new chapter of fur trade history.

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Volunteers at work

Mayor Parrish Tung tried out the Town of Elk Point's brand new barbecue as he and other Elk Point Municipal Library Board volunteers prepared supper for those participating in the community clean-up and for the library volunteers. Below, a group of Pathfinders, Guides, Brownies and Sparks have a scenic background for their clean-up of roadsides leading to the riverside campground.



Proclamation

National Nursing Week

May 12 - 18, 2008

WHEREAS... The town of Elk Point is committed to the health of its community.

AND WHEREAS... Communities are demanding services that keep them healthy and injury-free,

AND WHEREAS... Consumers also need safe hospital services and competent care providers,

AND WHEREAS... Nurses provide care whenever and wherever needed.

AND WHEREAS... The first priority of nurses is to care for and about people,

AND WHEREAS... Registered nurses help Albertans achieve health and wellness by promoting health, preventing illness and providing illness care,

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Parrish Tung, Town of Elk Point, Alberta, hereby proclaiming the week of May 12-18, 2008 as

Nursing Week

in Elk Point.

Early deadline

Due to the Victoria Day long weekend, deadline for advertising and news submissions for the May 20 issue of the Elk Pointy Review will be Wednesday, May 14 at 4 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend, everyone.

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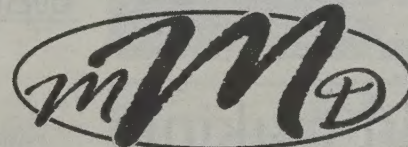
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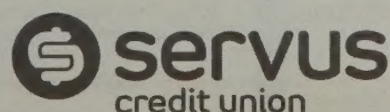
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Photo (left to right): Vice president Direct Banking Dennis Horrigan; Rod Randall Branch Manager; Donna McGee, Financial Service Representative; Vice President Controller Kirk Harline.

Recently Servus Credit Union Vice Presidents' Dennis Horrigan and Kirk Harline surprised Elk Point's Donna McGee with a pair of tickets to the World Council of Credit Unions conference in Hong Kong being held in July of 2008. Donna is among 25 employees recognized by the organization for providing excellence in service who will be traveling all expenses paid to Hong Kong. Congratulations and keep up the good work, Donna!



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EDITORIAL

Have a great May long !

It's the weekend everyone's been waiting for - the first long weekend of the spring and summer, when we all can get out and shake off the final vestiges of winter as we embark on summer pleasures.

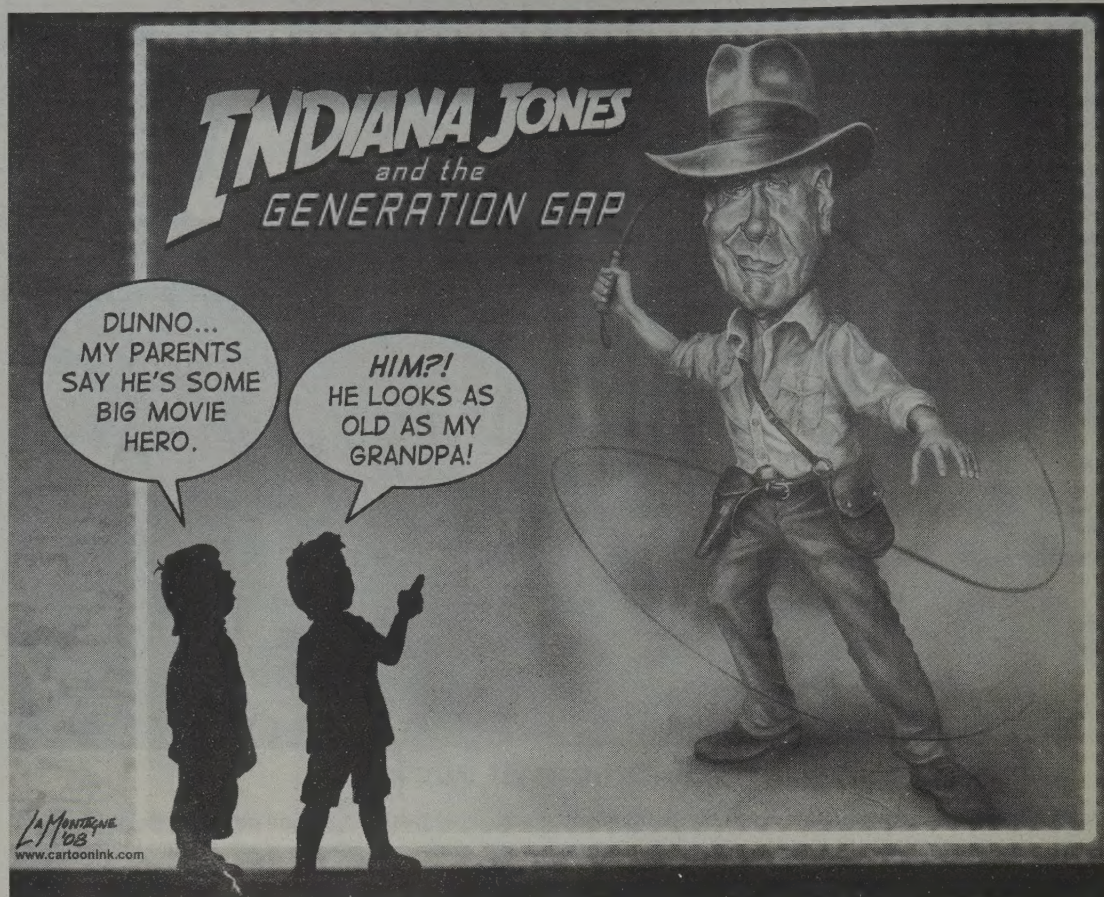
It's not likely there will be any swimming involved, unless you're flying off to the coast or heading to a resort or indoor water park, or unless you're into the polar bear thing. Some of the lakes still have ice floating around in them, and that could also deter those intent on fishing, even though the season will finally be open.

Campgrounds will also be open, and even if you can't or don't wish to venture out on the lake, it's always great to spend time around the campfire. Won't those first, slightly burned, fire-roasted hot dogs taste great?

There is also fun and adventure to be had right close to home, if you haven't had the chance to clean out the camper yet.

This weekend, the David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade is coming through our area, and it's a great time to soak up some history as you watch the big freighter canoes come sweeping down the river, much as they would have 200 years ago. You'll see the voyageurs portage their canoes up main street, and enjoy fur trade themed entertainment later that evening at the arena, and the next day, stay in the fur trade mode as you get involved in the family-style Fur Factor Challenge out at Fort George and Buckingham House.

Have a great - and safe - long weekend, everyone!



GUEST COLUMN

WAY BACK WHEN...

Mountain making, mud and mail

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13 IN...

1988

Town Council studied a proposed 40 per cent hike in water and sewer rates which Coun. Allan Frankiw called "too substantial. It would be too much of a shock for the consumers," after the previous year's \$3 hike fell short of the objective of covering department deficits. Elk Point Elementary students picked up a small mountain of trash during Anti-Litter Week.

1993

The second annual Elk Point Spring Classic Stampede turned into the second annual mud bog under more than an inch of rain and was rescheduled to a later date, but judging went ahead for the Chamber of Commerce 'Get Western' decorating contest, with Woody's Trophy and Gift and Dave's Pizza producing the best displays.

1998

Residents tired of general delivery mail happily welcomed the arrival of 25, 15-compartment super mail boxes. The Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul were deadlocked over the annexation of the quarter of land located at the southwest corner of town, with the town not interested in either of two quarters directly east of that one and the county equally adamant that the desired quarter should stay under the county's jurisdiction.

2003

Danielle Schnurer received 4-H's highest honour, the Premier's Award, after being chosen from a group of 133 top 4-H members at the annual 4-H Selections program in Oeds. Chamber president Glenn Harms said Elk Point needs "an action plan for the town and our community. Do we have the heart to make this happen?"

Mothers and fathers

Sunday, May 11th was Mother's Day. How did you all do? Did you remember to talk and visit with your mother on Mother's Day? Or if you couldn't do that, were you able to send her a card, etc?

Now a word to you mothers. How did you all do? That is, how did you all respond to the recognition and appreciation you received on Mother's Day? Some of you were probably surprised while others may have been disappointed. Then again some of you were happy to hear from your children. Irregardless, it was a special day and hopefully it was a great day for all of you.

James E. Faust is quoted as saying: "... there is no greater good in all the world than motherhood. The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation. Single parents, most of whom are mothers, perform an especially heroic service. I hasten to acknowledge that there are too many husbands and fathers who are abusive to their wives and children and from whom the wives and children need protection. Yet modern sociological studies powerfully reaffirm the essential influence of a caring father in the life of a child - boy or girl. In the past 20 years, as homes and families have struggled to stay intact, sociological studies have revealed this alarming fact: much of the crime and many of the behavioral disorders in the United States come from homes where the father has abandoned the children. In many societies, child poverty, crime, drug abuse, and family decay can be traced to conditions

where the father gives no male nurturing. Sociologically, it is now painfully apparent that fathers are not optional family baggage."

deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk



It is useless to debate which parent is most important. No one would doubt that a mother's influence is paramount with newborns and in the first years of a child's life. The father's influence increases as the child grows older. However, each parent is necessary at various times in a child's development.

Both fathers and mothers do many intrinsically different things for their children. Both are equipped to nurture children, but their approaches are different.

Karl Zinsmeister, in an address delivered to the Family Research Council, 19 June 1992 titled: "Fathers: Who Needs Them?" said: "Studies show that fathers also have a special role to play in building a child's (self-respect). They are important too, in ways we don't really understand, in developing internal limits and control in children."

Therefore, from just a small glimpse from the research about the importance of mothers and fathers, there seems to be something we should all remember. It is destructive for either party to say to the other marriage partner. "I don't need you." Even though it may be difficult to be of one heart and mind, it is still important to say "I appreciate you" and "I am proud of you". In other words, mothers and fathers are each important people in the spousal role as well as the role of being parents to their children. So yes it is good that we have Mother's Day and it is good we have Father's Day. The nurturing they both do with their children is very important. To carry this further, our acknowledgement, respect and love for our parents can take place more often throughout the year. Likewise, as parents, we can acknowledge, respect and love our children more often. All of us have a part to play. We are either a parent - mother or father, or a child and sometimes both. Be the best you can in either role ... it does matter.

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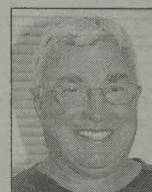
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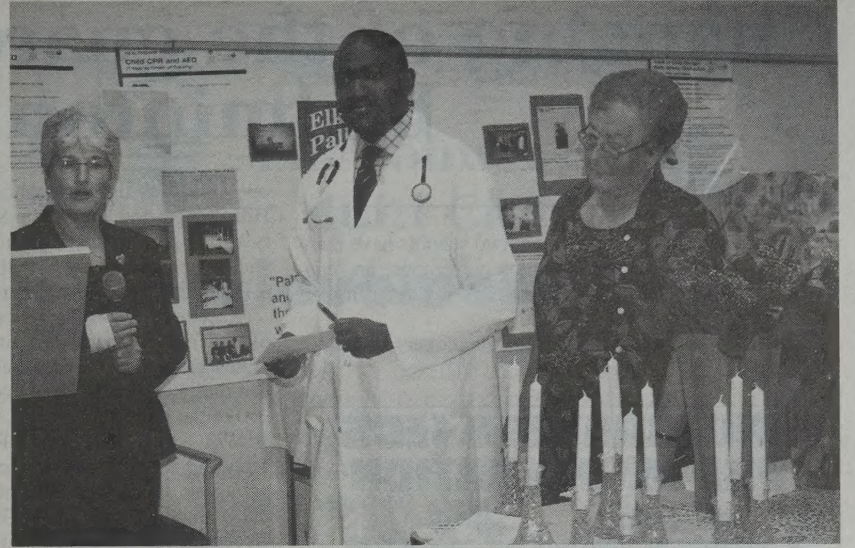
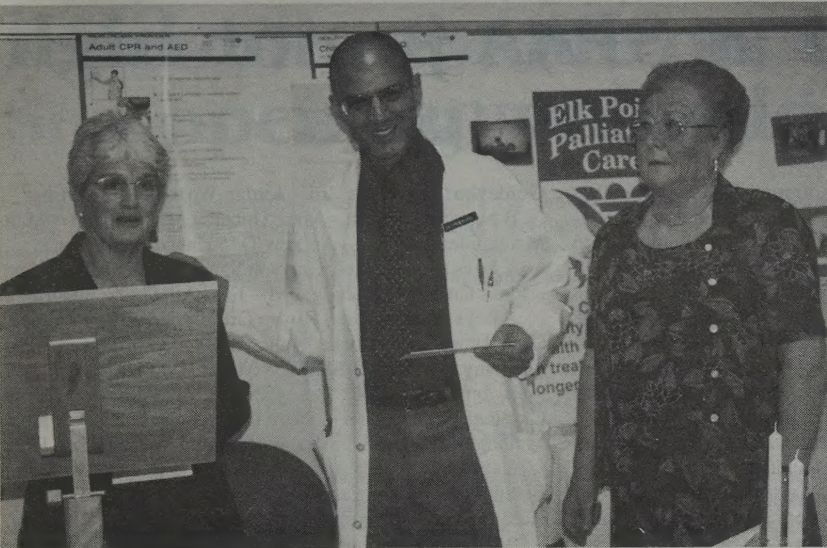
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Elk Point Palliative Care Society members Theresa McNamara (left) and Jean McGinnis presented gifts of appreciation to Dr. Drew Ramful (above), Dr. Ayobami Oyeboode (top right) and Elk Point Healthcare Centre facility manager Paulette Levasseur during last Wednesday's Palliative Care tea. A fourth recipient, Sandra Lorenson, was unable to attend the event.

Candlelight ceremony honours departed loved ones

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Palliative Care Society paid tribute to those who have passed away in the community during the year at their annual candle lighting ceremony last week.

Elk Point Healthcare Centre manager Paulette Levasseur told the crowd of bereaved family members that the Palliative Care group has been in operation for the past 14 years, and are very active in fundraising with their annual Tree of Light campaign. The money raised goes toward items feared toward the comfort of the palliative care patients and their families.

"They help any way they can, and they play a very important role in the care of the palliative care patients," Levasseur said, adding thanks on behalf of the Healthcare Centre and the community for the group's dedication and compassion.

Society president Grace Kinjerski said they have had "a very well-supported year," which has enabled them to be "in the process of opening our second comfort room." She said that the loss

of each patient is "a loss to the community. The Palliative Care group is honoured to light a candle for each of them."

Jean McGinnis read a poem "honouring the mem-

when we are too busy to help someone, or when we don't want to get involved, or when we avoid situations because we don't know what to say. Sometimes it's just being there that people

"Thank God for the volunteers.
They are special people."

- Pastor Bill Kryzanowski

ory of those who are gone."

Each year, Palliative Care honours a group of health care personnel who make a difference. This year, Dr. Drew Ramful, Dr. Ayobami Oyeboode and Levasseur were praised for their service and presented with gifts, with another gift to be presented later to Sandra Lorenson, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Mary Bezpalko also read a poem, "The Plan of the Master Weaver."

Pastor Bill Kryzanowski of Elk Point Christian Community Church told the story of the Good Samaritan and said, "thank God for the volunteers. They are special people. There should never be a time

appreciate." He closed his portion of the program with a prayer for those who have lost loved ones.

Norma Berg and Donna Fedorus read the names of the past year's departed, as candles were lit in their memory, either by relatives or by members of the Palliative Care group, for Tom Shepherd, Jim Shepherd, Tashka Buksa, Edwin Nelson, Margaret Rae, Alex Yarmuch, Stan Ruzycki, Jerome Keichinger, Dr. K. C. Miller, Joe Thir, Peggy Anderson, Ethel Boothman, Barrie McFadyen, Kathleen McAleese, Pauline Pankiw, Evelyn Babcock, Ivan Howe, Meryl Valentine, Clarence Goldsmith, Dave Dumont, Mabel Dumont,

Stan Erickson, Robert Smith, Liz White, John Gusnowski, Peter Ballas, Leatha Ockerman, Ralph Kryvenchuk and Timmy Quinney. Donna Fedorus lit the final candle for her daughter, who had died in a tragic accident 39 years ago that day.

Levasseur offered all the families deepest condolences on behalf of the Healthcare Centre staff, and noted, "your loved ones were very special to us as caregivers, and have made an impact on our lives." To the Palliative Care members, she offered thanks for "doing an amazing job."

Flowery door prizes went to Vivian Nelson and Erma Yewchin.



ELK POINT COMMUNITY CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

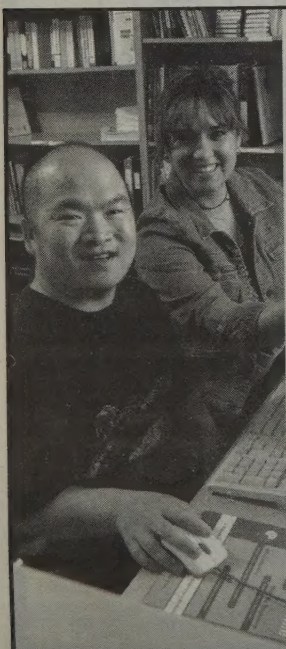
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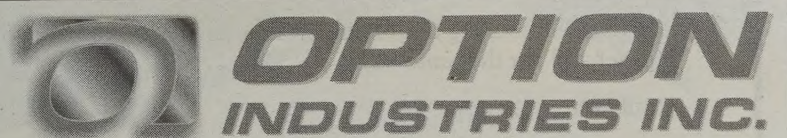
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Changing of the guard at SPAA junior high badminton playdowns

By Mike POMERLEAU

Sports

For the first time in a long time, two schools have managed to topple the Racette badminton powerhouse and capture a St. Paul Athletic Association (SPAA) banner in their respective categories.

The SPAA junior high badminton playdowns took place

on April 29 at different schools around St. Paul. The Two Hills School and Glen Avon School put together some pretty strong performances at this year's SPAA championship and were each rewarded with a SPAA banner, in the boys division and mixed division respectively.

Racette was still the victor in the girls division and the overall SPAA champion, finishing with 105 points, 30 points more than the next best school overall, Glen Avon. But they just couldn't win enough big games to take home two of the three banners that were available.

With a total of 43 points, Racette won the girls division. They did the majority of their damage in the C division, garnering 16 of their 43 points in that category. Second place among the girls was Glendon School, which earned 32 points. Third place went to Glen Avon School, which got 28 points.

In the boys division, Two Hills just squeaked past Racette to become the boys SPAA champions, finishing with 43 points to Racette's 41 points. Third place went to Glendon School, which received 30 points.

Glen Avon captured first place in mixed division to take that banner, again just edging out Racette. Glen Avon finished with 22 points while Racette would finish one point behind with 21 points. Third place went to Mallaig School with 15 points.

SPAA Jr. high badminton results

A boys singles: 1st – Dana White, Glendon; 2nd – Chris

Gordeyko, Two Hills; 3rd – Jordan Wozniak, F.G. Miller

B boys singles: 1st – Marc Dubeau, Mallaig; 2nd – Matt Mack, Glendon; 3rd – Andrew Doonanco, Glen Avon

C boys singles: 1st – Grayson Sapovich, Two Hills; 2nd – Ryan Corbiere, Mallaig; 3rd – Fred Attsfield, Glendon

A boys doubles: 1st – Rhyen Drummond & Ben Palinka, Glen Avon; 2nd – Locke Muller & Ben Quan, Racette; 3rd – Jeremy Windrim & Matthew Miller, Two Hills

B boys doubles: 1st – Pierre Beaudoin & Bryce Cardinal, Racette; 2nd – Adam Dechaine & Davis Nomicki, Mallaig; 3rd – Cody LeRouzic & Robin Warren, Two Hills

C boys doubles: 1st – Logan Ewanachuk & Aaron Bachlet, Two Hills; 2nd – Anton Hozjan & Kyle Tkachuk, Racette; 3rd – Ben Jackson & Theoren Cardinal, Ashmont

A girls singles: 1st – Josee Poulin, Racette; 2nd – Julie Miller, Glen Avon; 3rd – You-Ju Choi, Mallaig

B boys singles: 1st – Melanie Spacil – Steinhauer, Glen Avon; 2nd – Sara Miller, Two Hills; 3rd – Monique Gervais

C boys singles: 1st – Madi Novakowski, Racette; 2nd – Emma Jackson, Glen Avon; 3rd – Alyssa Shapka, Two Hills

A girls doubles: 1st – Laurel Ewanachuk & Cheanise Bidulok, Two Hills; 2nd – Toni Richard & Kim Kwiatkowski, Glendon; 3rd – Razene Boysis & Chelsey Fithon, Ashmont

B girls doubles: 1st – Darcy Kwiatkowski & Courtney Wilkowski, Glendon; 2nd – Hailey Mahdiuk & Karli Hozjan, Racette; 3rd – Stephanie Miller & Lacey Lapatak, Ashmont

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Elk Point Elementary School



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If you have a child of kindergarten age for the next school year and cannot attend the pre-registration night, please drop by the school office and fill out a registration before May 23, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 724-3880 during school hours. The E.C.S. school year calendar will be presented at the information night.

What you need to know about

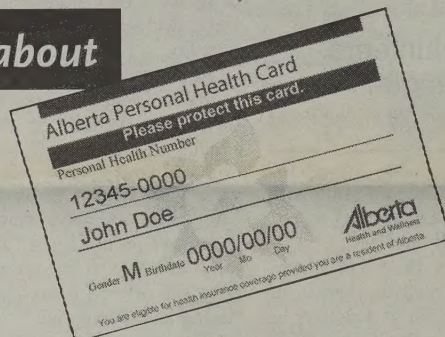
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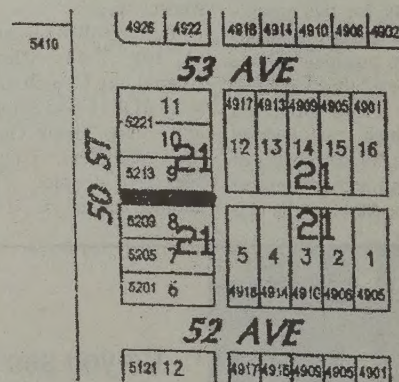
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Town of Elk Point NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Bylaw No. 658/08

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, that the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 658/08, as amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 622/03 for the Town to close the lane lying between Lot 8 and 9 in block 21, Plan 2130HW.



Please TAKE NOTICE that on May 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Town of Elk Point in the Town's Administration Office located at 4914-50 Avenue, a Public Hearing will be held to hear from anyone who feels they may be affected by the proposed amendment.

Anyone wishing to be heard either directly or on someone else's behalf may make oral representation at the Public Hearing. Written submissions are acceptable and must be delivered prior to the Public Hearing to the Administration Office address indicated above.

At the Public Hearing, the Mayor shall direct to hear representation first from the applicant, then from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed disposal, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

Myron Goyan, Manager
Town of Elk Point
Box 448, Elk Point, AB., T0A 1A0

Dated at Elk Point, AB. this 8th day of May, 2008.

Alberta

Double, double on Sox opening weekend

A double, double header sometimes equals double trouble, especially at this time of the year, but, not this time. Double your pleasure, double the fun, especially for the Midget Sox who were on the road this past weekend, pulling off three wins in four starts. Not too shabby for a team that was thrown together just over a week ago, with players from Elk Point, St. Paul, Goodfish, one from Hoselaw, and only two real practices. Of course you could say the other guys were in the same boat, but we're not going to mention that, of course.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

Starting Saturday in Vegreville, the coaching staff was anxious to see what the depth of the bullpen would be, and they had the ultimate test, using a total of six pitchers in the first game, the Sox winning 13 to 6. The boys pounding the ball in this one, Brett Romanovich with a single, a double and five RBI's, lead off batter Evan Joly with two singles and a RBI, brother Sean Joly with two singles and a RBI, Jordan Leroux with two singles, two singles for Dylon Loughran, "Sonny Boy" Benson with a RBI single and Levi "Big Pappy" Bull clearing the bases, cranking a big triple with three RBI's.

In the second game, Saturday afternoon, rookie fastball chucker Dustin Berg got the call to the mound, going strong right into the fifth inning and allowing just one run, the Sox leading at this point three to one. Curve ball specialist Dylon Loughran coming in on relief, followed by Evan Joly and Brett Romanovich, but pitching really was-

n't the big problem in this one, the boys couldn't get the job done with the sticks at the plate and stranded seven runners, the final score 6 to 3 for the Bears, the Sox still happy with the split for their first day out.

Sunday morning the boys of summer traveled to Edmonton to face the Confederation Park Cubs, Sean Joly up on the hill for the Sox, pitching a complete game, the Sox winning this one 18 to 7 in five innings. Dustin Berg with a RBI triple in this one, Kurtis Nicholson laying down a beauty sac bunt, bringing in two runs. Minor leaguer Cy Romanovich getting on base in his first at bat in his first big game debut.

Game four of the weekend, Russell Sparklingeyes on the mound going five innings with one earned run, Jordan "Bacon" Leroux coming in to close, the Sox winning 15 to 8.

The next action for the Sox will be on May 24th. and 25th, a double header on Saturday against Fort Saskatchewan, Sunday a double header against the Edmonton Warriors, all four games will be right here at Bassett Field, home of the Sox.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "I don't care how long you've been around, you'll never see it all." Last week's answer to: "Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of 10 and be considered a good performer." -Ted Williams. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Shriners elect new executive

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN BERG

Shriners Member

EDMONTON - Well known Edmonton businessman and former MLA Jim Heron has been elected president of the Al Shamal Shriners of Northern Alberta for 2008. Other officers elected at the annual meeting of the 800-member philanthropic organization include Barray Gogal of Ardrossan and Jim Templeton of St. Albert as vice president, Bob Tkachuk, Sherwood Park, secretary, Ian Skogstad, St. Albert, treasurer, and directors Armond Nesdoly, Edmonton and Greg Chartrand, St. Albert.

New presidents of the five Al Shamal Shrine Clubs include Rod Barrand, Grande Prairie; Tim Mayner, Fort McMurray; Brad Becker, Edson; Earl Geibelhaus, Rimbey, Battle River; and Earle Swift, Lloydminster, Al Wa.

Heron, a former Stony Plain MLA, brings many years of academic, business and political experience to Al Shamal. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Masters in Business degrees from the University of Alberta.

Heron says he is proud of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and the fact they have been providing world class medical treatment for 85 years at no charge for nay child up to 18. There are over 100 current patients from Edmonton and northern Alberta receiving such treatment.

"Thousands of children inflicted with burns, orthopedic problems and birth defects obtain the benefit of cutting edge medical treatment and the many medical research programs," said Heron. "That's why we're so proud of our recently announced liaison with the University of Alberta to create a Shriners Hospitals Pediatric Scoliosis Chair which, with matching grants from the provincial government, will total \$3 million."

"There can be no greater satisfaction," he added, "than being involved was a Shriner bringing medical research and medical treatment to Alberta's children. That's why my theme this year will be having fun Investing in Children."

More Sports
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Elk Point 4-H Multi Club



Achievement Day

Once again, it is time for our annual Achievement Day. 4-H'ers from the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club has been diligently working to prepare their projects for their upcoming Achievement Day.

The event is set to take place at the
**C.G. Baker Memorial Riding Arena, Elk Point
on FRIDAY, MAY 30 starting at 4:00 p.m.**

Featured at this event will be a Beef show, a Horse show, a Bench show displaying Craft, Photography and the Creative options projects.

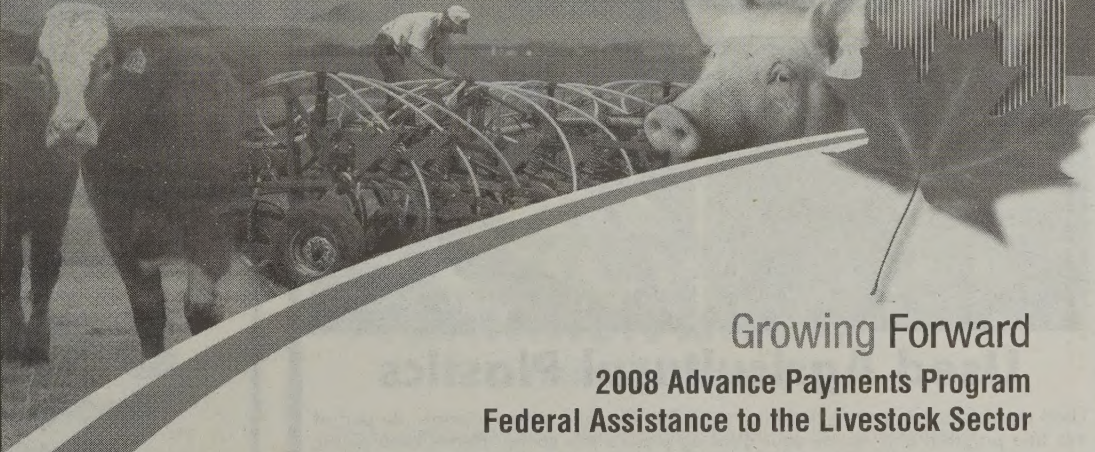
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To apply for the 2008 APP, contact a participating producer organization by visiting agr.gc.ca/app or call 1-888-346-2511.

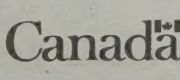
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"New growth, new beginnings" at Frog Lake



By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Frog Lake students celebrated "New Growth, New Beginnings" during Education Week, May 5 to 9, with a lineup of special activities throughout the week.

The school staff got in on the action early in the week by creating a collage in the foyer entitled, "Look what the staff are reading," featuring brief overviews of their latest reading material. Students from K to 12, along with the staff, built relationships as they were paired up to read together on Monday and Tuesday.

Monday was also the day for "bannermania," each class depicting new growth and new beginnings in their artwork, using the Cree term "Miyoskamin" as a heading.

A scavenger hunt was the final event on Monday's schedule.

Tuesday's special event brought elders and other guests to the school for a noon-hour feast. The guests applauded the athletes as they received their ribbons from the Kamloops Spring Throws (see Page 11) and some also took time to check out the school's brand new interactive board, which was just being installed. The board becomes

a giant computer monitor, which responds to touch to surf the internet, do research from the built-in memory, or assist with numerous learning tasks. The board can also be used as a whiteboard, using a digital pen, and is a very versatile educational tool.

Teacher Dale Steinhauer demonstrated the board for the elders by pulling up a Cree website which offered songs, stories and information.

"There are lots of Cree resources," Mary Jane Quinney commented. "The internet has opened them up, and one of the biggest groups using the internet now is Aboriginal people. It's helping to revitalize the language and culture."

Wednesday featured a career fair for grades six to 12.

Thursday was very exciting for students and staff, with the school's powwow and hand games showing off a wealth of traditional skills. (See Page 9)

The week wound up with Friday's stimulating and entertaining "egg challenge" as classes worked cooperatively with limited materials to design and build crates in which they could drop an egg the furthest distance without the egg cracking.

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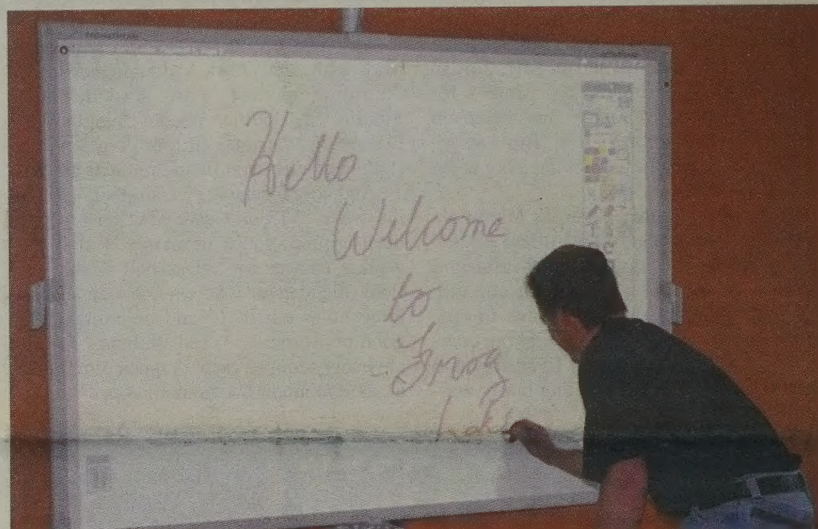
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A display of book reviews written by the school staff answered the question, "What are our teachers reading?" for the Frog Lake students and community members, who are shown checking out the display, above.

At right, the computer expert installing the new interactive board at Frog Lake School demonstrates its use to an audience of elders and community members.



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Youth compete at Frog Lake powwow

By JANICE HUSER
Journal Staff

The sound of traditional

native drums accompanied by the laughter of children dressed in colourful costumes radiated through the doors at the Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive

School in Frog Lake on May 8.

Students from Frog Lake, Saddle Lake and Kehewin, along with five groups of students from Saskatchewan, took part in the interschool pow-wow last week. Students traveled from as far as Onion Lake, Waterhen Lake, Island Lake, Thunderchild First Nation and Big Island Lake to take part in the year-end powwow.

After dancing as a whole, students were divided into categories based on grade levels, and had the opportunity to compete against each other while enjoying a day filled with traditional dance and music.

Lynn Stanley, education director at Frog Lake, described the event as the "sharing of cultural practice," further adding the event offered an opportunity for students to "share their love of dance."

Doris Okanee, a language and culture instructor at the school further explained that the powwow helps "retain our culture," and teaches First Nations youth about their culture and history.

One member from each participating community was chosen to judge the dancers, who were as young as four-years-old, said Okanee. She added that schools throughout the area

each hold a powwow near the end of the school year as a celebration.

The Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School was hosting a variety of events

last week in honour of Education Week, which ran provincially from April 29 to May 5. See Pages 8 and 11 for coverage of other Education Week events.



Janice Huser photo

Family members and other visitors watch a young elementary student compete at the Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School interschool powwow, May 8, in Frog Lake.

Fur trade fun for everyone

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Fort George and Buckingham House provincial historic site opens Thursday for the new season, and will hold their first big event this weekend.

The Great Fur Factor Challenge has been moved up to an earlier date to coincide with the visit of the David Thompson Brigade and will be held Sunday, May 18, with some of the brigade voyageurs getting in on the action.

What events will be part of the Challenge are being kept a surprise until the participants are lined up at the starting line, but with both Ross Stromberg and Nathan Hudson doing the planning, they're sure to be fun for the entire family.

There will also be ample opportunity to take the hike out to the fort sites and to tour the multimedia display in the interpretive centre.

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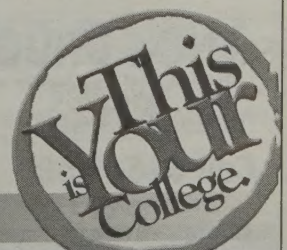
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LICA cuts ribbon on new office

By DAN BRISEBOIS
Review Contributor

Political dignitaries, industry representatives and other stakeholders joined together on Wednesday for the ribbon cutting ceremony of LICA's (Lakeland Industry and Community Association) new office in Bonnyville.

Robert Deresh, LICA chairperson, commented that the group has come a long way since its inception in 2000. "Community, industry and government - the only way we could get where we are today is through their co-operation. And we've been very fortunate. We have the only synergy group in Alberta that has both the airshed and the watershed under the umbrella of LICA."

Genia Leskiw, the MLA for the Bonnyville - Cold Lake constituency, said she

holds environmental issues dear, and was honoured to be a part of the ceremony.

"The formation of LICA addresses and continues to address the concerns of residents, while ensuring responsible growth and development. This sort of stewardship is both encouraged and appreciated by not only the government, but the people present here today. Having a balance between industry, residents and government is key to ensuring Alberta's future is a prosperous one. It makes sure everybody's voice is heard, and is an absolute responsibility," she said.

Ed Rondeau, reeve of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, said his council understands the importance of having LICA in the community.

"In these times of fast-paced growth, we need to

have local residents working together to solve concerns," he said.

He called the Beaver River Watershed Alliance, which the MD is a member of, "an excellent watchdog" that maintains the integrity of the area's water sources.

He added the groups both for and against the proposed Minnie Lake drilling could definitely benefit from LICA's experience and knowledge.

"The formation of LICA has helped keep the lines of communication open between industry, our leaders and our citizens," he said.

Karen Collins is president of Zone II of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). For Collins, the MNA's involvement in LICA gives Métis people a voice in many similar concerns, albeit from a somewhat different aspect, in terms of tra-

ditional medicines and ways of life.

"Still, we all have common issues," she said. "We all have to drink the same water. We all have to breathe the same air. When we sit with industry or at LICA, people understand we come

bringing a little bit of a different flavour. Nonetheless, on the bigger issues, as trappers, as fishers, as community members, we sometimes get a little bit inundated with development."

Collins continued, "Still many of those issues that we

bring forward are the same as community residents. And as we move forward, we need to make sure we're on the same page when it comes to where we live, where we want our children and grandchildren to live and be raised."

Danyluk shares tips to keep communication lines open

By NICOLE GARNER
Review Contributor

The best way to have your concerns addressed is to keep your MLA informed, according to the MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul.

"I am primarily a lobbyist," Ray Danyluk said Wednesday at the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) annual general meeting.

He said his role as an MLA is to take the concerns of his constituents to the government, whether its to the cabinet, caucus or committee. In addition to being an MLA,

Danyluk is also the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

"Your role is to make sure your MLA is informed," he said, noting there are some methods that are more effective than others.

Danyluk said his offices receive around 1,000 phone calls and 1,000 emails per day plus stacks of letters and faxes. He said many people think form letters are the way to get an MLA's attention, but after the first few, the names don't get read and information that may get tacked on to the letter is missed.

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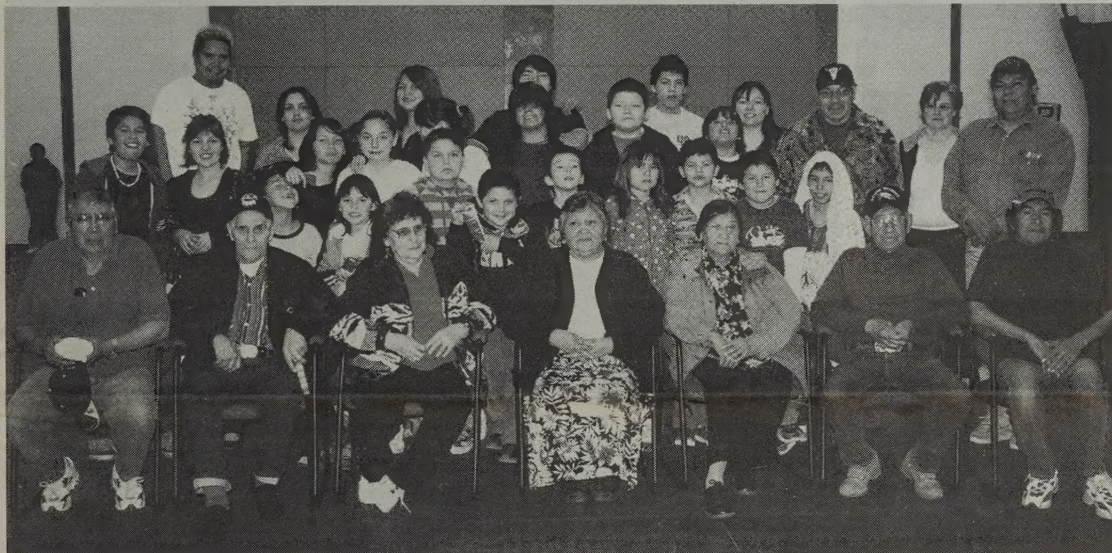
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Frog Lake athletes excel at Spring Throws



Vicki Brooker photos

Frog Lake athletes proudly display their ribbons from the Kamloops Spring Throws as they receive congratulations from their coaches and supervisors (above) and the local elders (below) who visited the school last Tuesday for an Education Week feast.



By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Twenty-six Frog Lake athletes returned from the April 26 and 27 Kamloops Spring Throws after a very successful weekend, with a combined total of over 90 prize ribbons to their credit.

Coach Duane Manderscheid said there are some "very special athletes in this school."

Daniel Monias, in the 1997 age group, beat the existing provincial record in Discus by 63 centimetres. First-year javelin, discus and shot put competitor Quentin George Stanley, also in that age group, came nine centimetres short of a record, with a javelin throw of over 27 metres.

Windy Quinney, born in 1992, also shows "a lot of potential, especially in the midget groupings for Alberta," and could make it all the way to the championships in Winnipeg.

Manderscheid presented the ribbons last Tuesday at the conclusion of an Education Week feast, to:

1992:

Stephanie Castor - 1st in Shot Put (SP), Discus (D), Javelin (J) and Hammer (H)

Windy Quinney - 1st H; 2nd SP, D; 3rd J

Keestin O'Dell - 3rd SP, D, H; 4th J

Victor Jackson - 1st SP; 2nd J, H; 4th D

1993

Jordan Stanley - 1st SP, D, J, H

1995:

Amber Stanley - 1st SP, J; 2nd D; did not compete in Hammer due to an injury

Tanner Stanley - 2nd D, 3rd SP

Ricky Marty Pahtayken - 1st D, J, H, 2nd SP

Chase John - 1st SP, 2nd J, H

1996:

Louis Stanley - 1st SP, H; 2nd D, J

Aysha John - 1st D, 2nd SP, H; 3rd J

Keely O'Dell - 1st SP, J, H; 2nd D

Roberta Stanley - 2nd J; 3rd SP, D

1997

Tristen Marty Pahtayken - 1st SP; 2nd D, J

Daniel Monias - 1st D, 2nd SP, 3rd J

Quentin George Stanley - 1st J, 3rd SP, D

Tessa Quinney - 1st SP, D, J

Demaise Singer - 2nd SP, D, J

1999

Christopher Cross - 2nd D, J; 3rd SP

Grayson Quinney - 1st D, J; 2nd SP

Keelan Singer - 1st SP; 3rd D, J

Chantel Willier - 1st SP, D; 2nd J

Jennille Berland - 2nd SP, 4th D; 5th J

2000

Philip Stanley - 1st SP; 4th D, J

2001

Jordan Cardinal - 2nd SP, D; 3rd J

2002

Torrie Quinney - 1st SP; 3rd D; 4th J.

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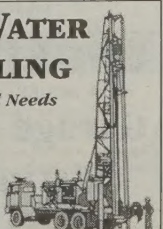
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Royal Purple hosts annual Mother's Day dessert party

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple hosted their well-attended Mother's Day Dessert Party on Saturday in the Elks Hall lodge room, with many local moms enjoying the sumptuous dessert buffet with friends and family members.

Among those in attendance this year was a large contingent from the local Red Hatters group, some of whom had returned from participating in the MS walk in St. Paul just in time for the event.



Royal Purple members Leona Moneta, Brenda Diesel, Stella Blazenko and Lena Stepa slice cakes for the buffet table, left, while Red Hatters Levina Ewasiuk and Sandra Poulin admire Honoured Royal Lady Melinda Henderson's tiny twin daughters, above.

Victim Services doubles number of people helped

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

Since 2005, the number of victims helped by the St. Paul and Area Victim Services program has increased by close to 100 per cent, but according to the program co-coordinator, this is just a fraction of the total number of victims in the community.

Although he did not have exact numbers, coordinator Guy Genereux felt that many victims, for whatever reason, choose not to seek out help available in the community.

"The police do refer," he explains. "But people don't choose to access the ser-

vices."

The St. Paul and Area Victim Services has been operating since 1994-95, and has had Genereux at the helm since 2005. This year, two assistant co-coordinators will be helping Genereux, instead of just one.

"We're just starting to work with three staff," he says, adding, "We can only improve as we go along."

On April 30, St. Paul and Area Victim Services held its annual general meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion in St. Paul, with 21 people in attendance. The program is available to all communities within the St. Paul and Elk Point RCMP detachments' service areas.

Victim Services offers help with victim impact statements, restitution, crisis intervention, child witness preparation, critical

incident stress debriefing, and court orientation, something Genereux is very proud of.

Currently, Victim Services has an office at the St. Paul Provincial Courthouse and offers court orientation and accompaniment for victims of crime. Genereux explains that orientations are done on quiet court days, so the victims have the opportunity to go into an empty courtroom, and talk to other staff in the building.

"We're proud of our court support people and advocates," says Genereux. He further explains that the amount of victims using the court support has also doubled, from an average of eight to 12 supports per month, to 20 to 25 per month.

"(Victims) seem to be lost in the whole justice sys-

tem," says Genereux. In a system that is built for the accused, "the victim is forgotten," he adds.

This, he says, is why Victim Services is important. The program is built to understand, and volunteers travel through the justice system alongside the victims.

At the annual general meeting, Victim Services was also given a heads up on the possibility of an announcement being made by the province that would address a cap on funding currently being received by Victim Services programs.

Genereux is hopeful the announcement would be made this month. "Ultimately, (funding is) how our program will be able to enhance our services."

Currently, Victim Services has made a com-

mitment to be present in Saddle Lake on a weekly basis, something the program hopes to do for other surrounding First Nations communities.

This, Genereux believes, will address the difficulties some victims face because of transportation issues.

"The current enhancements have provided us with the chance to help more people," he says, adding future enhancements would only increase that number.

In addition, Victim Services is always looking to partner with local organizations, especially those that want to make a difference through education, says Genereux.

The program is always willing to offer support and has assisted a number of local schools during times of crisis. Victim Services

not only helps victims of crimes, but also victims of traumatic events.

Genereux also sees a possibility in one day working in local hospitals, to help counsel victims, enabling hospital staff to go on with other duties.

"We do ongoing training with the advocates," says Genereux of the handful of volunteers who currently work with Victim Services. "The volunteer advocates are the life."

Currently the program has nine board members, who offer great direction, says Genereux. There are also about nine advocates who volunteer, but the group would like to encourage more people to join Victim Services, especially people who are available during the day.

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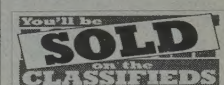
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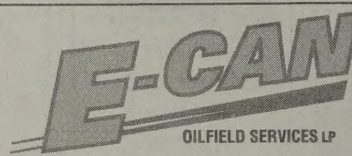
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Danyluk addresses LICA

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Another way to avoid grabbing an MLA's attention is to write a long letter. Danyluk said he and his staff have passed around an eight-page letter trying to find out what the writer is actually asking for and have not been able to come to a conclusion.

What does work, Danyluk said, is meeting with MLAs when they are in their constituencies on Fridays.

"Sitting across the desk and having back and forth communication," he said. "Have direct contact and make sure your representative is your lobbyist."

Danyluk said the new government's mandate is tackling the pressures the province has today and securing opportunities for tomorrow.

"The Albertans of today do not sit on the sidelines and watch government do business," he said. "They are concerned about the future of their province, their country, their world."

Two of the major issues affecting Alberta right now are growth and developing Alberta's resources in a sustainable way, Danyluk said. He commended LICA and its members for their role in ensuring local development is done in a responsible manner.

Former Bonnyville mayor and LICA member Kathryn Wiebe asked whether or not the government was reviewing its policy in regards to drilling and seismic testing on Alberta's lakes in the wake of what happened at Marie Lake last year and the protest that has now begun at Minnie Lake.

"The work done on Marie Lake is unsurpassed," Danyluk said. "It made the government look at how we do applications in a different light."

He said not only did protesters at Marie Lake get the various govern-

ment departments communicating better, but also made the government consider why it should or why it should not approve applications.

"I believe we will react to Minnie Lake differently," he said. Danyluk said there have already been discussions on the issue, but he couldn't get into specifics of what the government plans to do.

"The premier said it best," Danyluk said. "It might be perfect, 100 per cent alright to do it, but I don't have enough information to guarantee it is safe, so we're not doing."

Bernie Chartrand asked how the government was going to deal with agricultural land in its land use planning, particularly in light of the current global food shortage.

"When you waste farmland, you never see it again," Danyluk said. "It's critical we not take farmland for granted."

As for oil royalties going back to the areas where they are generated, Danyluk said while MLAs have tried to lobby for that cause, but will not win that battle.

"Here in northeastern Alberta, we truck everything that's being produced and we're demolishing the roads," he said.

Danyluk pointed out that if royalties were to go back to where they were produced, they would still be distributed all over Alberta and there would still be inequities. For example, he said, areas with flowable oil would end up receiving money and they don't have to make the same investment in infrastructure as this area does.

Danyluk said \$18 billion is going to be spent on roads in the next three years to help areas with infrastructure issues. The government needs to support municipalities in this area, he said.

Marie Lake group a finalist for Emerald Awards

By NICOLE GARNER
Review Contributor

One year after starting a campaign to stop seismic testing on their lake, the members of the Marie Lake Air and Watershed Society (MLAWS) are being recognized for their efforts.

The Alberta Emerald Foundation announced last month that MLAWS is one of three finalists for its 2008 Community Group Award. The awards will be presented on June 3 at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

MLAWS president Don Savard said the group nominated itself for the award, which recognizes groups that have set an example for environmental achievement. He said he was pleasantly surprised that the group was a finalist.

"There are lots of folks who worked as hard as we did in the province," he said.

Marie Lake received national media attention last year when OSUM Corp. proposed seismic testing on the lake in preparation for an underground mining project beneath the lake. Residents voiced their opposition, holding rallies, circulating petitions and lobbying their local MLA, the premier and the official opposition to stop the testing and the development.

Seismic testing was approved for the lake, but the protest continued and Premier Ed Stelmach eventually stepped in and not only revoked the approval for the seismic work, but also cancelled OSUM's mineral rights lease. It was the first time in 16 years that the government of Alberta cancelled a lease. The company, however, is appealing that decision.

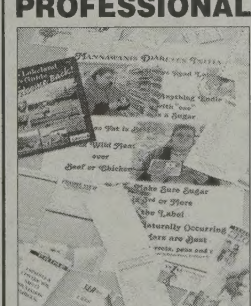
The Marie Lake group is currently waiting to hear about the outcome of the appeal and some members are working with residents of Minnie Lake, helping them oppose a development on that lake proposed by Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

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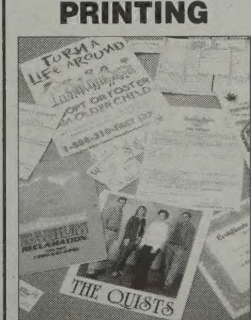
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Community pitches in to clean up for spring



Volunteers of all ages donned blue gloves, picked up their big black trash bags and headed out to tidy up Elk Point from Frog Pond to Railway Avenue.

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Almost 40 volunteers of all ages turned out last Thursday to give Elk Point a thorough spring cleaning.

Wearing protective gloves and clutching big black bags and maps designating clean-up areas, they headed off from Elk Point Municipal Library to collect trash of all kinds, some literally beating the bushes as they extricated trash from the community's wooded areas, others finding plenty of debris along sidewalks and fences and in vacant lots.

Community Lions member Sandra Bishop, who helped organize the clean-up, said she was "quite pleased" with the results. "There were parents with preschoolers, there were seniors out there. It's nice to see how many are concerned and willing get involved."

"We didn't get to everything, but it's a good start." The Community Lions were happy to have the assistance of the Town of Elk Point, who supplied bags, gloves, and food and equipment for the supper, and the library board, who did the supper preparations.

"Everyone did their part. It all came together and it made it very easy for us," Bishop said. The volunteers were welcomed back to the library for supper after the clean-up was complete, with Mayor Parrish Tung, Laverne Wilson and their fellow library board members serving up barbecued burgers, salad and desserts as a Volunteer Week recognition for those involved in the community cleanup and their own library volunteers.

Elk Point Elementary and F. G. Miller High School students held their own cleaning bees earlier in the week.

Vicki Brooker photos

Stahl Peterbilt Edmonton, Alberta



DENTON, Texas (February 25, 2008) – Ed, Paige and Eddy Stahl, Dealer Principals of Stahl Peterbilt in Canada were recently named Peterbilt's 2007 Dealer of the Year at the Peterbilt Motors Company Annual Dealer Meeting.

The Stahls, who own three Peterbilt dealerships in Edmonton, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray in Alberta, Canada received the award for their Edmonton location. Since joining the Peterbilt dealer network in 2003, the Stahl's have consistently provided excellent customer service that has resulted in year-over-year increased sales. Their philosophy of meeting and exceeding customer expectations has fueled the dealership's success.

The Stahl's Edmonton facility is one of the premier truck dealerships in North America. In 2005, they relocated to a new 75,000 sq. foot building to showcase Peterbilt's products and services. The state-of-the-art facility includes an indoor truck display large enough for two trucks, 2,200 square feet of parts retail display area, 25 service bays and an 8-bay body shop. It is located in Northwest Edmonton and is visible from the Trans-Canada highway.

"Stahl Peterbilt of Edmonton is a shining example of Best-in-Class customer service," said Bill Jackson, Peterbilt General Manager and PACCAR Vice President. "Stahl Peterbilt markets the full-range of Peterbilt and PACCAR products, services and technologies for both heavy and medium-duty Peterbilt trucks which leads them to annual growth in truck sales and profitability."

"Our Stahl Peterbilt Team is thrilled and honored to be the Peterbilt Dealer of the year" says Ed Stahl, President of Stahl Peterbilt. "We strive to provide "world-class" customer service and support for our valued customers. It is a pleasure to sell the Peterbilt truck since it is recognized as the industry leader for reliability, workmanship, and technical innovation."

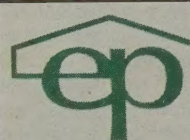
During their 5 years as Peterbilt dealers, the Stahls have repeatedly been recognized as one of Peterbilt's leading dealer groups. They have received four of the company's Platinum Awards and two Best-in-Class Awards, as well as receiving the Medium Duty Dealer of the Year Award in 2004.



Elk Point Community Lions member Sandra Bishop (above left) marks out clean-up territories on town maps for willing volunteers Dorrie Deutschendorf and Seyi Oyeboode.

At right, Connie Capjack tidies up the area around the Elk Point Curling Club.





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